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1. [redacted] the Rumanian State Enterprise,

SMT (Serviciu Masini Tractoare - Tractor and Machinery Service)

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[redacted] distributes machinery and spare parts for trucks, tractors, and agricultural machinery to sub-stations throughout Rumania.

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2. The ball bearings were all new and came from Czechoslovakia, [redacted] and the Soviet Union. The Soviet ball bearings were of poor quality.

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[redacted] The greatest quantity came from Czechoslovakia and were described as being far better than the Soviet [redacted]

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3. Minor acts of sabotage were constantly being performed through "small errors". For instance, if ball bearings #8212 were ordered, #6012 might be shipped, causing delays and confusion.

4. Tractor spare parts were distributed for the following types of tractors:

Czech tractors - Praga R.N., and Skoda

Soviet tractors - STZ, HTZ, MATTY, U2, and one other, the name of which informant could not recall

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Rumanian tractors - IAR

5. In September or October 1949 about 30 tons of spare parts and tractor motors [redacted] arrived via Constanta. They were new and of good quality.

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8. As for other spare parts, those coming from Czechoslovakia were always new and of good quality, but insufficient in quantity; those coming from the Soviet Union were usually second hand and the few new parts received were of poor quality and often in the wrong sizes. 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, the trend seems to be away from foreign tractors and toward the exclusive employment of Soviet and Rumanian tractors. 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED]

7. From estimates made in handling of spare parts for the SMT, [REDACTED] there were about 12,000 tractors in Rumania at present. 50X1-HUM

8. The central warehouse of the SMT in Bucharest was formerly located at Strada Sertan Voda, 30/32, but in November 1949 it moved to Strada Inclinata, 24. This new place is the building formerly occupied by the textile factory, Hunca, at the end of streetcar line No. 8. It is a large building in the form of an "I", about 130 meters in length and about 15 to 20 meters in width. It is built of corrugated tin plate and faces the Bucharest-Giurgiu rail line.

9. Other than ball bearings and truck and tractor parts, various items were distributed such as ploughs, transmission belts for agricultural machines, accessories for agricultural machinery, iron and copper sheets, electric lamps, nails, screws, etc. etc.

10. The central office of the SMT and all sub-stations come under the control of a special section of the Ministry of Agriculture called Serviciul de Aprovizionare al Ministerului de Agricultura - Supply Service of the Ministry of Agriculture. The manager of this section is a certain Basch, [REDACTED]

Basch's office is in a building near the Ministry of Agriculture at the corner of Boulevardul Doarmel near the Statuia Rotetti. 50X1-HUM

11. Alexander Dragomirescu [REDACTED] is in charge at the Strada Inclinata offices of SMT. 50X1-HUM

12. SMT operates sub-stations at Iasi, Galati, Dragov, Craiova, Timisoara, Arad, Constanta, and a second depot in Bucharest called Depositul No. 10, at Strada Matei Basarab, 2. 50X1-HUM

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